

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 - 17 (canceled).

Claim 18 (currently amended). A multistage process for filtering impurities from a liquid that is supplied to a filter, said process consisting essentially of the two filtering stages of the steps of:

~~supplying liquid to a filter;~~

removing at least a portion of the microorganisms from said liquid ~~supply~~ in a first filtering step; and

then removing at least a portion of the organics and other non-biological components in a second filtering step using activated carbon.

Claim 19 (original). A multistage liquid filtration process as recited in claim 18, wherein said first filtering step is accomplished using a meltblown web.

Claim 20 (original). A multistage liquid filtration process as recited in claim 18, wherein said first filtering step is accomplished using a microfiber glass web.

Claim 21 (original). A multistage liquid filtration process as recited in claim 18, wherein said first filtering step is accomplished using a charge-modified microfiber glass web.

Claim 22 (original). A multistage process for liquid filtration as recited in claim 21, wherein said filtering steps are conducted at the point of use for a water supply.

Claim 23 (original). A multistage process for liquid filtration as recited in claim 18, wherein said filtering steps are conducted at the point of use for a water supply.

Claim 24 (currently amended). A multistage process for filtering impurities from a liquid, said process comprising the steps of:

supplying liquid to a filter;

removing at least a portion of the microorganisms from said liquid supply in a first filtering step; and

then removing at least a portion of the organics and other non-biological components in a second filtering step using activated carbon, further comprising a third filtering step that removes sediments and some organics prior in flow to said second filtering step, wherein said third filtering step is accomplished using a microfiber glass web.

Claim 25 (original). A multistage process for liquid filtration as recited in claim 24, wherein said filtering steps are conducted at the point of use for a water supply.

~~Claim 26 (canceled). A multistage liquid filtration process as recited in claim 24, wherein said third filtering step is accomplished using a microfiber glass web.~~

Claim 27 (original). A multistage liquid filtration process as recited in claim 24 wherein said third filtering step occurs before said first filtering step.

Claim 28 (currently amended). A multistage liquid filtration process as recited in claim ~~[[27]]~~ 24 wherein said third filtering step occurs after said first filtering step.

Claim 29 (original). A multistage liquid filtration process as recited in claim 18 wherein said liquid is water.

Claims 30 – 47 (canceled).